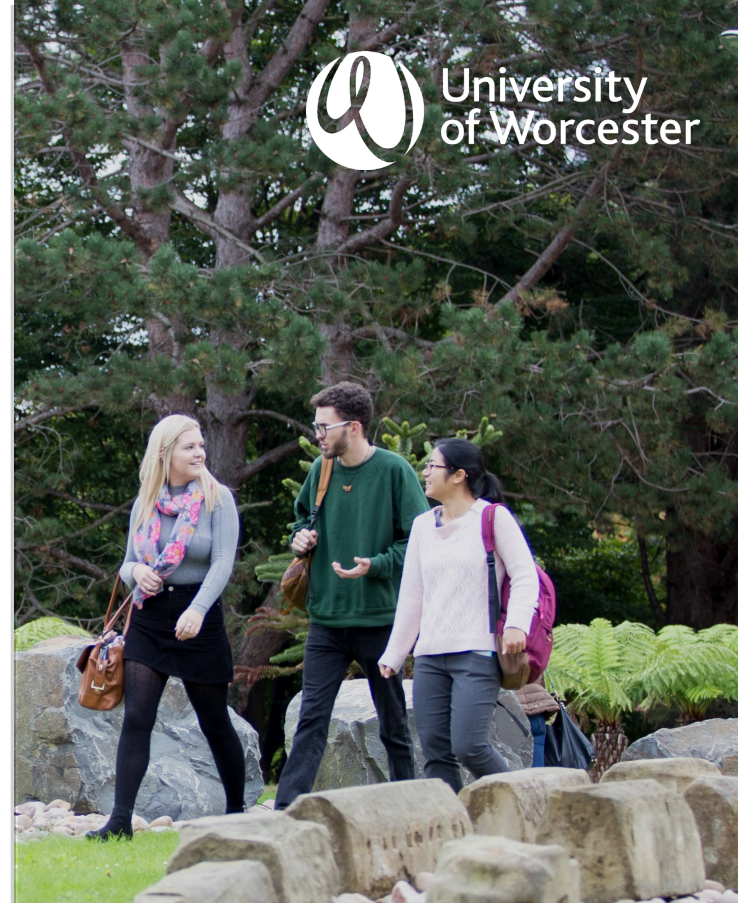


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# Making the most of UCAS Exhibitions

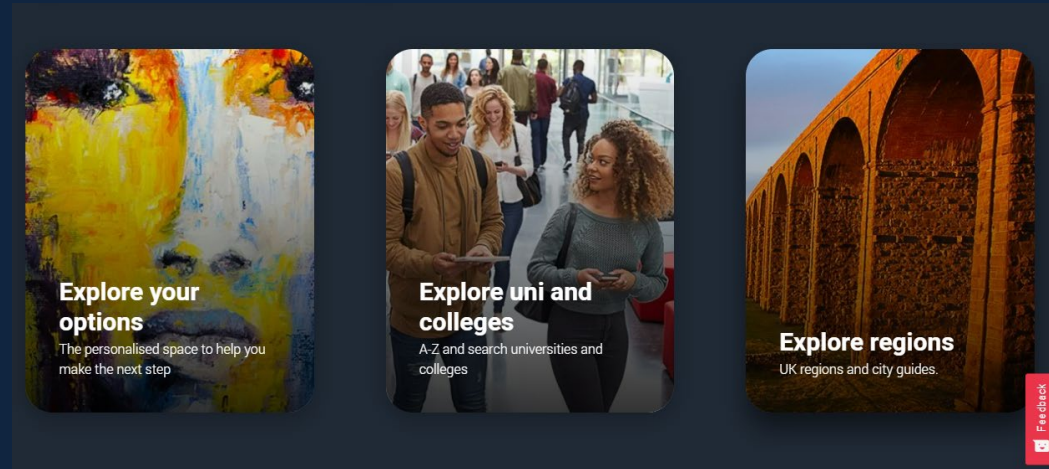


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Here's an insider's guide on what to expect from UCAS exhibitions and how to get the most out of them

# What is UCAS?

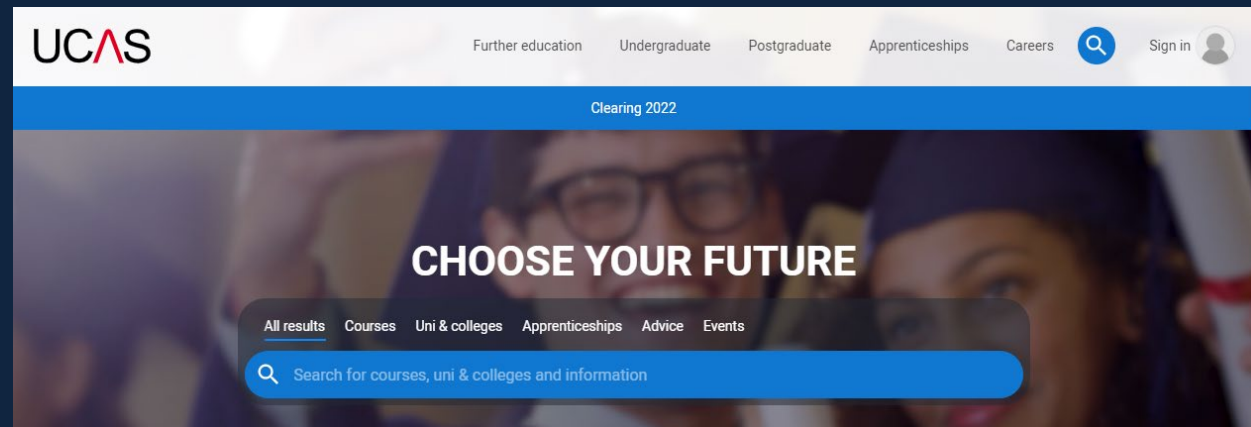


**University and College Admissions Service**

**Responsible for managing applications**

**Helps students make informed choices**

**Deadlines**



# What is a UCAS Exhibition?

A series of large-scale events held all over the UK

Explore post-18 options in one setting such as degrees and apprenticeships

Universities and employers in attendance



# Why visit a UCAS Exhibition?

Opportunity to get lots of help and advice about post-18 options

Good chance to ask lots of questions to both universities and employers

Grab some prospectuses to look at in your own time

Explore new options and ideas!





# Workshops and talks

Run throughout the day at most events

Wide range of subjects are covered

Topics range from personal statements to student finance

Will be available online

They give you a chance to experience live demos

# Choosing the right university

What sports, societies and clubs can I join?

What type of halls would I prefer?

What sort of social life would I like?

Am I more of a city, town or country person?

Would I feel more comfortable in a large or small university?

Would I prefer something closer to home?



# Choosing a Course



50,000 courses in the UK

3, 4 or 5 year courses

Content will vary course to course  
and university to university

Sandwich/placement year

Specialist facilities

Single/joint honors/major-minor



# What's important to you



Remember to be open minded  
and have some questions at the  
ready

Stick to what is significant to you  
Ask about upcoming open days

**What  
questions  
should I  
ask?**

# Getting onto the course

How many applications are received each year?

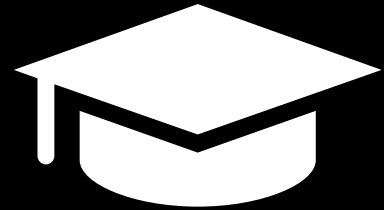
What subjects are needed for this course?

How many places are available for the course?

What qualities do you look for when considering applicants?

Do I need any specific work experience?

For art courses, is a portfolio necessary?



# The Course

How is the course assessed?

Is there scope to pursue special interests?

Is it possible to study abroad for part of the course?

What is the staff to student ratio?

Will I be expected to buy materials or equipment?

How flexible is the course?



# Interviews

**Is a formal interview part of the selection procedure?**

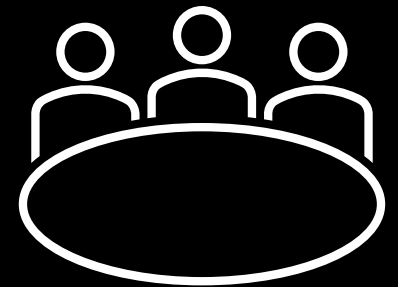
**What form does the interview day take?**

**What is the purpose of the interview?**

**Do I need to bring any extra materials to my interview?**

**What is the dress code for the interview?**

**Will there be a practical activity?**



# Student Life

**Is the university based on one site?**

**How far away are the halls of residence from the university?**

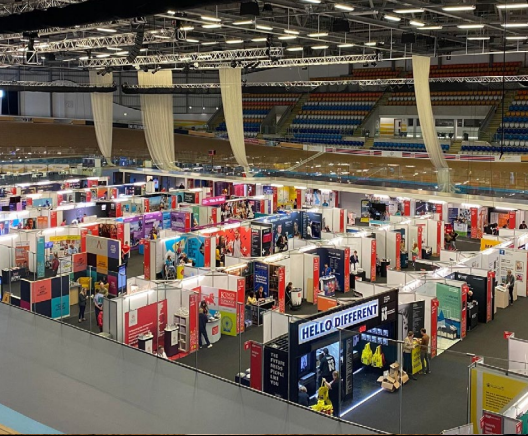
**What support systems are available for students?**

**What is the typical cost of halls of residence?**

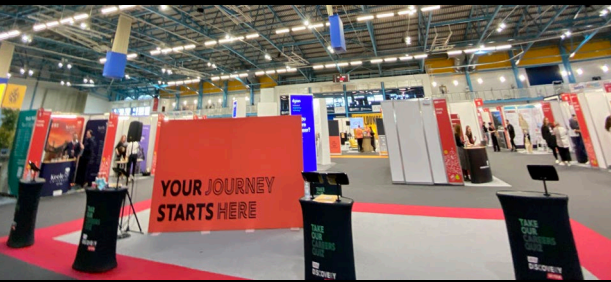
**What kind of sports and societies can I join?**

**Can I bring my car and is there parking available?**





# Top Tips



- Pick up an exhibitor programme
- Don't just go where your friends want, visit your personal choices as this event is for you
- Don't panic about time
- Don't pick up every prospectus
- Make a note of questions to ask
- Get scanned
- Choose a subject you enjoy!





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**Thank  
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